

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CLERK'S OFFICE

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

DOCKET NO. 2010-178-C

Absolute Home Phones, Inc. ("Absolute Home Phones" or "Applicant") has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide resold and facilities-based local exchange and interexchange service in the State of South Carolina pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-280(B) and Section 253 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Applicant requests that the local service offerings be regulated in accordance with procedures for NewSouth Communications in Order No. 1998-165 in Docket No. 1997-467-C. In addition, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-585 (Supp. 2009), the Applicant requests that its long distance service offerings be regulated in accordance with procedures established for alternative regulation pursuant to Order No. 1995-1734 and 1996-55 in Docket No. 1995-661-C, and as modified by Order No. 2001-997 in Docket No. 2000-407-C. Absolute Home Phones intends to offer interexchange service to both business and residential customers throughout the State of South Carolina. The Applicant intends to provide local exchange service to customers located in non-rural exchange carriers' service areas of South Carolina. The Applicant intends to utilize AT&T South Carolina, and other equivalent providers as its underlying interexchange carriers.

A copy of the Company's entire Application can be found on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2010-178-C. A copy of the Application is also available from Scott Elliott, Esquire, Elliott & Elliott, P.A., 1508 Lady Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE a hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin at **11:30 a.m. on Monday, August 9, 2010**, before a Hearing Examiner, in the Commission's Law Library at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

PLEASE BE ADVISED that pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws – Section 58-9-280, as amended, the Commission will invoke the 120-day period allowed for consideration of this matter.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **June 22, 2010**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. *Please refer to Docket No. 2010-178-C.*

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify the Clerk's Office, in writing, at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, and Scott Elliott, at the above address, on or before **June 22, 2010**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. *Please refer to Docket No. 2010-178-C.*

Any person who wishes to be notified of any change in the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Clerk's Office, in writing, at the address below on or before **June 22, 2010**. *Please refer to Docket No. 2010-178-C.*

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100.

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